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those skilled in the art, it is the intention of the inventors to embody within the patent warranted hereon all changes and modifications as reasonably and properly come within the scope of their contribution to the art.--.

5 IN THE CLAIMS

On substitute page 11, in line 1, change "New Patent Claims" to --
What is Claimed Is:--;

Please cancel claims 1 through 5 without prejudice.

Add new claims 6 through 10.

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6. A method for controlling connections in a communication network, comprising the steps of:
setting up a signaling connection between a subscriber of the communication network and a service access system based on a service connection request by the subscriber; and
setting up a payload connection associated with the signaling connection between the service access system and the subscriber only given data traffic for a service and clearing down the payload connection after the data transmission.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein the service is at least one of a voice service or a data service.

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8. The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of:
charging a service by the communication network for a time interval in
which the signaling connection and the payload connection
simultaneously exist for the service.

5 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of clearing down the
payload connection does not occur immediately after the end of data
transmission but occurs immediately before the expiration of the time
interval already charged.

10 10. A method for controlling service connections in a
communication network in order to support access to a service via the
communication network, comprising the steps of:
initiating the setup of a service-related signaling connection between a
subscriber and a service access system;
15 initiating the setup of a payload connection between the service access
system and the subscriber associated with the signaling
connection only given data traffic and initiating the clear-down of
the payload connection after data transmission.

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IN THE ABSTRACT

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Disclosure--;

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.
Please delete lines 1-6 and substitute the following paragraph.

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network including setting up a signaling connection between a

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